

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1305
By McMillan

A RESOLUTION to honor Mr. George Douglas Norton, Jr. for
exemplary service as a Governor's Office
Legislative Intern.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body should pause in its deliberations to honor and commend certain individuals who through model character personify idealism and endless work ethic for the State of Tennessee as a whole; and

WHEREAS, George Douglas Norton, Jr. is one such individual who through his dedication and hard work has been an asset of the utmost degree to the staff of the Legislative Office of Governor Phil Bredesen and the entire staff of the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ramer, Tennessee, he attended McNairy Central High School and currently attends The University of Tennessee at Martin, where he is highly regarded not only by his peers, but also by the faculty and administration as well. Mr. Norton has achieved academic excellence while majoring in Political Science/Pre-Law, Communications, and Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished leader and respected scholar, George Norton has been active in several extracurricular and academic activities while attending The University of Tennessee at Martin, including holding positions in the Student Government Association, The University Scholars Program, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, The Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Kappa Alpha Order Fraternity, Student Defender, College Democrats, The Political Science Club, and the Pre-Legal Society, and has engaged in a strenuous academic regimen while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Norton is also an active member of his community, volunteering for several organizations, such as Relay For Life, United Way, youth sports, and The McNairy County Democratic Committee. Mr. Norton acknowledges his awareness and commitment to

public service and charity arise from the legacy and lessons portrayed to him by his grandmother, Alcie Mae Austin; and

WHEREAS, after ending his internship with the Legislative Office of the Governor, he plans to pursue a law degree, practice criminal law, and enter into the political arena in the future. Serving as an intern with the Governor's Office surely bodes well for his future success throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government, George Norton brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2004 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Norton's success as a legislative intern is directly attributable to his reliance upon the time honored values of hard work, common sense, and his exceptional ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, George found his intern experience to be most rewarding, and this extraordinary young man has excelled in each of his appointed duties; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate George Douglas Norton, Jr. for outstanding service as a legislative intern for the Legislative Office of Governor Phil Bredesen and extend to him our most sincere wishes for every success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted for such copy.